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**Subject:** FW: site visit from Brandon Ashley from Senator John Brasso/indain affairs

Sorry, meant to cc you.

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**Cc:** Faulk, Libby; Williams, Laura  
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Chris –

Thanks for sending this along. Please continue to send any requests from congressionals to me and I'll handle.

I'm pulling in Nancy Grantham and David Kluesner, who are also in Durango.

Nancy/David –

Is there any availability to honor the request made by Senator Barrasso's staff for a tour on Wednesday? I heard from Representative Tipton's staff that 2 of Senator Barrasso's staffers would be on site on FRIDAY for a meeting with Incident Command at 9am. Before I reach out to Brandon to get more information, I'd like to see what you can find out on the ground there.

1. Can you send me any information you have about these meetings on Friday? Who are they

with? Are they planning a tour already?

2. Can you find out if a tour would even be feasible on Wednesday with all of the other visits happening?

Let me know what you can find out and then I'll call Brandon back to coordinate and get more information.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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**From:** Wardell, Christopher

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Hi Rebecca, I left you vm on this item as well

Steve Way, the OSC here in Silverton received a voice mail from Brandon Ashley, a staffer from Senator John Brasso's office. He stated that he and some other individuals from the Senate Committee on Indian affairs were arriving in Durango on Aug 19<sup>th</sup> and wanted a tour of the mine. Im not sure how we are handling site visit request from Congressional's and staff. At this point with all the upcoming site visits from OSWER/AG/IG on Tuesday and Wednesday, along with on going work I don't know how we want to proceed with this request along with others that may be made. You can contact Brandon Ashely at  Personal Phone/Ex. 6 or email at [Brandon\\_Ashley@indian.senate.gov](mailto:Brandon_Ashley@indian.senate.gov). Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

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